

present revenue sources and to investigate other avenues for generating other revenue sources if needed." But they did not say, no. It doesn't take all of that to say, no. They are leaving the door open to come back again and again and again, and if you once allow them to rely on the Legislature bailing them out, they are going to use this very reliance as a reason you should continue to do it. Now the state's taxing base has already been eroded by allowing the cities to enact the 1¢ sales tax. Omaha will be back. They will try to get you to extend the amount of time of the 1/2¢ tax. After you have done that, they are going to try to get you to allow them to up it to an additional full percent and they are going to stopgap and stopgap. Next year, the money which was given in terms of salary and fringe benefit increases to the policemen, to the firemen and perhaps civilians, when they get around to it, will not be paid just this year, then next year they won't have to pay it. It will have to be paid next year also. The Mayor nor anybody from the city has offered anything which is concrete to show that they won't be back next year. Since apparently the bill is going to pass, I doubt that it can get 33 votes but I have misjudged things like that before, it should be somewhat fair and I do want the citizens to be aware that I tried to persuade the Legislature, as a whole, and certainly those Senators from Omaha, to do the thing which is proper, not just to bail out a politician and a political administration, but to give some thought to the citizens. Often they talk about local control. When they say local control, they mean control of the welfare and lives of local people. This type of so-called local control is imposing an unconscionable burden in the form of this unfair tax on those citizens. So what Omaha is asking for the permission to do when they say local control is to do the people any way they want without allowing the people any opportunity to protect their interest. It is often stated that when we are elected to positions by district we become concerned only about our district. Well, there are far more people in Omaha than those who live in my particular legislative district, and since a tax like this cuts everybody, there has to be somebody to speak for everybody. Senator Newell has spoken but I think his position and mine on the tax on food has been clear for sometime. The other Senators from Omaha, I am afraid, have been persuaded to back up on this issue because none of them would carry the bill, none of them will carry it now, and I suppose when time comes for reelection, they will say they had nothing to do with this but they had everything to do with it, and because of that, when the vote is taken on this issue, I would like... I am going to ask for a Call of the House. I want a roll call vote and we will let the citizens of Omaha know, those Omaha citizens, Senators, who don't feel that they should be given the concession of even having their food exempted from this additional unfair 1/2¢ tax. That's my close and I am asking for a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: The first question then is, shall the House go under Call? Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The House is under Call. We have a request for a roll call vote. All Senators, therefore, must be at their desks and record your presence before we commence